

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION

Checked item 2b) of the Summary page of the Office Action indicates that the Office Action is "non-final", while the Conclusion paragraph numbered "5" on page 5 of the Office Action contradicted that the Office Action is "final". In view of the 24 January 2008 telephone interview (detailed within the Statement of Substance paragraph on page 5 of Applicant's prior 24 January 2008 Amendment) where the Examiner agreed that a first action after the RCE filing would **NOT be made final**, the Office Action contradiction that the Office Action is "final" **appears to be an error. Applicant respectfully requests that a written paper (e.g., an Interview Summary document) clarifying that the 17 April 2008 Office Action was NOT final be issued.** Such paper may be faxed to Applicant's local Washington, D.C. area facsimile machine at 703-312-6666. The Examiner is thanked in advance for such consideration.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 6 and 17-21 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art

or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is present interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 6, 17, 19-20 and 22-25 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC '103

The 35 USC '103 rejection of claims 6 and 17-21 as being unpatentable over Krapf (U.S. Patent 6,483,986) in view of Karaoguz et al. (U.S. Patent Pub 2004/0117836) is respectfully traversed. However, such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present clarifying amendments to Applicant's claims, and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. However, Applicant respectfully submits the following to preclude renewal of any such rejections against Applicant's clarified claims.

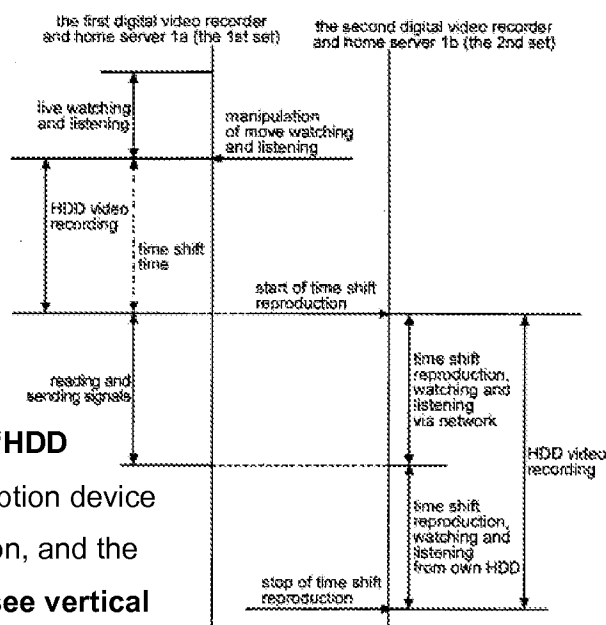
All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated hereat by reference. Further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. As additional arguments, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention is directed toward improving a versatility/usability of video recording/reproduction arrangements (e.g., apparatus, methods). More specifically, Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention is directed toward arrangements which allow a user to initiate viewing of a video program at one (i.e., a first) location, and then transfer his/her continued viewing of a remainder of the same video program to another (i.e., a second) location. One example might be

where a user begins to watch a movie (received from a cable or satellite service) at his/her primary residence, but then has to leave mid-movie to travel to his/her secondary residence (e.g., a vacation home). Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention allows such user to initiate recording and then transfer of the remainder of the movie to the second location.

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Applicant's clarified **claim 6** and **FIG. 3** (reproduced herewith) are used for further explanation/understanding as follows. More particularly, clarified **claim 6** specifically recites: "A transmission and reception apparatus which operates to receive a video signal and transmit it to an external device, comprising: a reception device configured to receive a video signal; an output device configured to output the video signal received by the reception device (**see "live watching and listening"**); a recording device selectable to effect recording of the video signal received by the reception device; a transmission system selectable to effect transmission of the video signal recorded by the recording device, to the external device via a network; and an input unit responsive to user manipulation, wherein, based on user manipulation (**see second horizontal line from top**) from the input unit, the recording device starts recording the video signal (**see left-most "HDD video recording"**) which is received by the reception device after said user manipulation, as a recorded portion, and the output device stops outputting the video signal (**see vertical dashed line**); and wherein, in response to a request (**see third horizontal line from the top**) from the external device, the transmission system transmits, to the external device, both the video signal of the recorded portion (**see "reading and sending signals"**) recorded by the recording device for enabling watching of the recorded portion at the external device, and channel information of the video signal for enabling recording (**see right-most "HDD video recording"**) of a further recorded portion of the video signal which is broadcasted after receiving the request, and the recording device stops recording the video signal (**see left-most "HDD video recording"**), wherein the further recorded portion of the video signal recorded at the external device by using the channel information (**see lower "time shift reproduction..."**), represents a continuation of the recorded portion (**see upper "time shift reproduction ..."**) recorded by the recording device.



Added claims 23-26 substantially parallel claims 6, 17, 19-20, respectively, but further claim the components and/or the operations of the external device.

Neither of Krapf and Karaoguz (whether taken individually, or in combination) disclose or suggest forwarding and making use of “channel information” for continuing recording and playback of a user-interrupted video signal program at an external device.

In addition to the foregoing, the following additional remarks are supplied from Applicant's foreign representative.

Difference between cited references

The difference of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention from the cited references are the present claim limitations similar to “channel information of the video signal for use in recording a video signal, by the external device, broadcasted after receiving the request, is transmitted to the external device” and “wherein the video signal recorded by using the channel information, is reproduced after the transmitted video signal, by the external device”.

That is, Applicant's claimed apparatus transmits the video signal recorded in the HDD of the 1st set of Fig. 3, to the 2nd set and the 1st set transmits the channel information of the live-watched TV program. Then the 2nd set starts recording TV program of the channel. Still further, the 2nd set reproduces the transmitted video signal and after that, reproduces the recorded TV program in the 2nd set.

Krapf does not disclose the transmission of the bookmarks (Krapf, col. 5, lines 35-42 is shown in the page 4 of the Office Action).

That is, Applicant's claimed apparatus transmits the channel information, but Krapf and Karaoguz do not disclose the taking over the channel information.

Finally, Krapf and Karaoguz do not disclose the reproduction of the recorded video signal, which is recorded in the 2nd set, after the reproduction of the transmitted video signal by the 1st set.

As a result of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art (taken alone and in the Office Action combinations) would not support a '103 obviousness-type rejection of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of such '103 rejection, and express written allowance of all of the '103 rejected claims, are respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed

limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.43515X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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